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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana's second most populous with 78,687 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and was once part of Washington Territory.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state's third largest city with a population of 42,918. Nicknamed the "Garden City," Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 1996 NCAA Championship Grizzly football team. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1989 was \$23,388. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average normal monthly temperatures, for example in Missoula, range from an average high of 28.0 degrees above in January to 85 above in July. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual average precipitation in Missoula in 1995 was 16.22 inches and the length of growing season 117 days.

Top 20 Private Employers In Missoula County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Beach Transportation Buttrey Food & Drug Community Medical Center Costco Wholesale Louisiana Pacific Corp. McDonald's Missoula Developmental Services Corp.	Missoulian Nolan Agency & Temps Opportunity Resources Inc. Partners in Home Care St. Patrick Hospital Stimson Lumber Company Stone Container Corp.	Sun Mountain Sports Target Village Health Care Center Wal-Mart Watkins & Shepherd Trucking Western Montana Clinic
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Source Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

Third Quarter 1997 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Missoula County	88,818	88,271	78,687	12.9%	12.2%
Missoula	Not Available	51,204	42,918	Not Available	19.3%

1997 New Businesses by Industry Missoula County

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Busi- nesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	40
15	General Building Contractors	27
87	Engineering Services	25
73	Business Services	24
80	Health Services	21
88	Private Households	18
58	Eating & Drinking Places	16
83	Social Services	15
75	Auto-Repair Services	13
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	12
65	Real Estate	11
86	Membership Organizations	11
42	Trucking-Warehousing	10
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	10
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	9
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	9
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	8
61	Nondepository Credit Institutions	8
81	Legal Services	8
16	Heavy Construction other than Building Construction-Contractors	6
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	6
7	Agricultural Services	5
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	5
82	Educational Services	5
89	Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	5
48	Communications	4
72	Personal Services	4
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply & Mobile Home Dealers	3
62	Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services	3
99	Nonclassifiable	3
41	Local & Suburban Transit & Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	2
54	Food Stores	2
56	Apparel & Accessory Stores	2
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	2
1	Agricultural Production-Crops	1
8	Forestry	1
10	Metal Mining	1
20	Food & Kindred Products	1
25	Furniture & Fixtures	1
27	Printing, Publishing & Allied Industries	1
31	Leather & Leather Products	1
36	Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment & Components, Except Computers	1
37	Transportation Equipment	1
38	Measuring, Analyzing & Controlling Instruments	1
39	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1
45	Transportation By Air	1
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	1
64	Insurance Agents, Brokers & Service	1
67	Holding & Other Investment Offices	1
	TOTAL	367

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-employment Rate
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1994	47,612	45,419	2,193	4.6%
1995	47,980	45,498	2,482	5.2%
1996	48,854	46,689	2,165	4.4%
1997	50,202	47,864	2,338	4.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	40,011	21,511	18,500
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
Service Occupations	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,171	896	275
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trade	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	193	95	98

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2898

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Missoula Chamber, P. O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6623
Seeley Lake Chamber, P. O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Missoula Job Service

539 S. 3rd St. W., 406-728-7060

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-0560

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Clinton, Lolo, Milltown, Missoula and Seeley Lake Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Missoula—2100 Stephens Ave., 406-549-2514

⇒ Newspapers:

Missoula Independent, 115 S. 4th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-543-6609
The Missoulian, P. O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200
Seeley Swan Pathfinder, P. O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2022

⇒ Public Libraries:

Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, 406-721-2665
Seeley Lake Branch Library, P. O. Box 416, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2224

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 800-462-8636
The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (within Montana)

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823, 406-258-6151
Clinton Elementary, P. O. Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825, 406-825-7844
DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-549-7266
Frenchtown Schools, P. O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834, 406-626-5762
Hellgate Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-5626
Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93 S., Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0451
Missoula Elementary, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400
Missoula County Public Schools, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400
Potomac Elementary, 29750 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823, 406-244-5215
Seeley Lake Elementary, P. O. Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2265
Sunset Elementary, P. O. Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836, 406-244-5685
Swan Valley Elementary, 6423 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826, 406-754-2320
Target Range Elementary, 4095 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-549-9239
Woodman Elementary, 520 Dorie Dr., Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0776

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Missoula Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1996						
Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employ-ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employ-ment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,427	42,606	\$929,425,117	RETAIL TRADE	720	10,437
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,303	34,894	\$720,181,073	Buildg Materials-Garden	45	432
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	60	278	\$4,960,652	General Merchandise	18	1,421
Agri Production/Crops	4	19	\$160,958	Food Stores	50	1,240
Agri Production/Livestock	10	62	\$1,195,993	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	95	1,304
Agriculture Services	32	129	\$1,386,152	Apparel & Accessories	45	245
Forestry	13	66	\$2,217,549	Furniture Stores	64	538
MINING	4	24	\$889,975	Eating & Drinking	237	3,981
CONSTRUCTION	401	2,099	\$52,087,781	Miscellaneous Retail	164	1,273
General Building	138	539	\$12,996,418	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	281	1,843
Heavy Construction	26	384	\$10,346,434	Banking	31	608
Special Trade	236	1,176	\$28,744,929	Credit Agencies	14	87
MANUFACTURING	175	3,426	\$104,035,376	Security & Commodity	22	92
Food Products	11	211	\$4,947,345	Insurance Carriers	25	99
Apparel	4	25	\$334,601	Insurance Agents	65	434
Lumber	67	1,255	\$37,207,505	Real Estate	113	398
Furniture	8	100	\$1,981,492	Holding & Investments	9	124
Printing-Publishing	25	365	\$7,930,474	SERVICES	1,277	12,170
Chemicals	3	33	\$1,184,718	Hotels & Lodging	59	575
Leather	3	4	\$52,587	Personal Services	64	410
Stone-Clay-Glass	6	36	\$861,185	Business Services	178	1,464
Fabricated Metal	8	102	\$2,909,864	Auto Repair Services	88	593
Nonelectrical Machinery**	13	90	\$2,698,310	Miscellaneous Repair Services	45	195
Instruments	8	122	\$2,499,719	Motion Pictures	18	147
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	9	384	\$6,814,748	Amusement & Recreation	84	900
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	164	2,523	\$73,087,033	Health Services	234	4,251
Local Transportation	9	185	\$2,462,186	Legal Services	78	427
Trucking-Warehousing	93	1,301	\$37,006,029	Educational Services	23	134
Air Transportation	10	245	\$7,204,849	Social Services	107	1,491
Transport Services	19	92	\$1,481,455	Membership Organizations	65	575
Communication	21	418	\$12,987,347	Engineering Services	172	901
Electric, Gas, Sanitation	10	272	\$11,386,042	Private Households	49	80
WHOLESALE TRADE	213	2,088	\$51,697,888	Miscellaneous Services	8	14
Durable Goods	151	1,191	\$32,027,454	NONCLASSIFIABLE	3	2
Nondurable Goods	62	897	\$19,670,434	GOVERNMENT	124	7,712
				State	21	3,285
				Local	52	3,132
				Federal	49	1,294

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Missoula County	\$3,403	\$8,936	\$15,533	\$16,302	\$17,493	\$18,394	\$19,035	\$20,110	\$21,126
% of National Average	83%	89%	81%	83%	85%	86%	86%	86%	86%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System Released May 1998

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	TOTAL	367

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Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Missoula County **1990 Census of Population and Housing** **Persons by Age, Race and Sex**

Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
<i>School Age</i>	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	7,899	3,824	20	12	266	126	120	70	159	82	23	11
12-14	3,049	1,509	7	3	113	55	32	15	43	19	7	4
15-17	2,821	1,332	7	4	99	43	43	16	49	21	8	3
18-21	5,938	3,080	24	5	152	69	71	38	87	37	21	7
<i>Total</i>	19,707	9,745	58	24	630	293	266	139	338	169	59	25
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
<i>Working & Voting Age</i>	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	58,338	30,019	139	45	1,211	635	579	299	627	308	144	63
16-64	50,350	25,274	130	40	1,144	599	541	273	582	279	143	62
18+	56,485	29,139	133	42	1,149	608	550	287	595	295	137	61
18-64	48,497	24,394	124	37	1,082	572	512	261	550	268	136	60
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
<i>Other Age Group</i>	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	5,396	2,641	18	7	191	108	91	54	116	54	23	15
5-17	13,769	6,685	34	19	478	224	195	101	251	122	38	18
18-44	35,695	17,991	107	31	854	443	424	209	463	217	115	50
45-64	12,802	6,403	17	6	228	129	88	52	87	49	21	10
62+	9,536	5,514	10	5	77	42	46	29	55	32	5	2
65+	7,988	4,745	9	5	67	36	38	26	45	29	1	1
<i>Total</i>	75,650	38,445	185	88	1,818	940	836	442	982	471	198	94

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Missoula County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Missoula County	County of Work	# Who Live in Missoula County
Out of State	313	Out of State	293
Cascade County	120	Cascade County	65
Flathead County	56	Flathead County	28
Gallatin County	45	Gallatin County	20
Granite County	45	Granite County	56
Lake County	261	Lake County	162
Lewis & Clark County	63	Lewis & Clark County	88
Mineral County	99	Mineral County	157
Missoula County	35,069	Missoula County	35,069
Powell County	20	Ravalli County	263
Ravalli County	1,604	Silver Bow County	32
Sanders County	77	Yellowstone County	42
Yellowstone County	73	Other Montana Counties	145
Other Montana Counties	75		

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